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Re: New U.S. Patent Application

METHOD FOR CONNECTING SPLIT IMAGES AND IMAGE SHOOTING

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By: Shinya MATSUDA, Takashi MATSUO, Kentaro IIDA, and

Kazuhiro SHIBATANI

Attorney Docket: 15162/04130

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers relating to METHOD FOR CONNECTING SPLIT IMAGES AND IMAGE SHOOTING APPARATUS, Shinya MATSUDA, Takashi MATSUO, Kentaro IIDA, and Kazuhiro SHIBATANI, inventors:

- (1) Specification (31 pages, including 11 claims and an abstract);
- (2) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (9 pages);
- (3) Formal Drawings (16 sheets);

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- (4) Transmittal letter (1 page) with PrintEFS Patent Application Bibliographic Data (2 pages);
- (5) Transmittal letter (1 page) with Certified Copy of Priority Document (42 pages);
- (6) Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages) with attached PTO-1449 form (1 page) and copies of the cited references (7 references); and
- (7) Assignment (2 pages) of the invention to MINOLTA CO., LTD., with attached Recordation Form Cover Sheet (1 page) (in duplicate).

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